

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Staunton, Virginia-The Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA) has been awarded a grant for fiscal year 2005 from the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation in the amount of \$54,200. Funds will be used to continue the Center's comprehensive tobacco use prevention program for Virginia's youth.

CCCA was first awarded tobacco settlement funds in July, 2002 and implemented tobacco awareness activities and smoking cessation groups for youth admitted to the hospital. The tobacco use prevention program is designed to increase participants' awareness of the short and long term effects of tobacco use and motivate adolescent smokers to quit.

The Commonwealth Center (formerly DeJarnette Center) is a comprehensive child and adolescent psychiatric hospital licensed and operated by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS). It is the only state psychiatric facility that provides emergency psychiatric evaluation, stabilization, and discharge planning services to Virginia's youth from ages four to eighteen years.